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NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Bio-technology Regulatory Authority (NBRA);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to come into existence?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation had submitted a Note for the Cabinet for setting up of National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority (NBRA) and has resubmitted revised Note for the Cabinet after the proposal was considered by the Committee of Secretaries (COS). The Government department to serve as a nodal Ministry will be decided by the Union Cabinet. If the proposal is approved by the Cabinet, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation would send the whole report to the identified Department for setting up of NBRA and taking follow up action, thus no specific time frame can be committed at this moment.